

Kelly Air Force Base Restoration Advisory Board Meeting
July 29, 1998 6:00 p.m.
Winston Elementary School

Members/Alternates present:

Brig. Gen. Robert M. Murdock
RAB Installation Co-Chair

Mr. Edward Weinstein

Dr. Gene Lené

Mr. Allan Posnick

Mr. Michael Carrillo (Ms. Hueni's alt.)

Mr. George Rice

Mr. Juan Solis, Sr.

Mrs. Dominga Adames

Mr. Allan Hagelthorn (also Mr. Person's alt.)

Mr. John A. Jacobi

Mr. Damian Sandoval

RAB Community Co-Chair

Mr. David Johnson (Mrs. Johnson's alt)

Mr. Carl Mixon

Mr. Paul Roberson

Mr. Armando Quintanilla

Mr. Sam Sanchez

Mr. Mark Puffer

Mr. Sam Murrah

Mr. Nicolas Rodriguez, Jr.

Members Absent Without Alternate:

Mr. Willie Jones, Jr.

Mr. Larry Hoffmann

Ms. Annalisa Peace

Item I: Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m., by Mr. Damian Sandoval, RAB Community Co-Chair. Mr. Sandoval introduced the new Air Force Co-Chair, Brig. Gen. Robert M. Murdock, Vice Commander of the San Antonio Air Logistics Center at Kelly.

Item II: Administrative Topics

- A. Mr. Sandoval indicated several things had taken place since the last RAB meeting in April. He said that he has observed an improvement in communication between the community and the Air Force.
 - 1. Monthly Technical Review Subcommittee (TRS) meetings.
 - 2. Two special RAB meetings.
 - 3. Eight Tiger Team meetings.
- B. General Murdock introduced himself. He said he had just recently arrived in San Antonio and that he was looking forward to working with the RAB. He said he would do all he can to facilitate communication between the Air Force and the RAB.
- C. RAB members introduced themselves. Members of the TRS and the Tiger Team were recognized.
- D. Minutes from April 7, RAB meeting were approved without change.

Item II: Community Statements

- A. The Chair called for comments from members of the public who wished to address the RAB.
 - 1. Mr. Manual Garza, representing the Edgewood School District, said they were happy to host the RAB meeting and invited RAB members to a town hall meeting the school district is hosting in a few weeks at Kennedy High School.

2. Mr. Don Thompson, a resident of Jamar Village, asked why he was not seeing any wells being drilled in his area. He expressed concern his area was being forgotten. Mr. Larry Bailey, Director of Environmental Management at Kelly AFB, said there are wells in Jamar Village and he would point out their locations on a map.

Item III: Subcommittee Reports

- A. Mr. Sandoval gave a report of the TRS. See attached slides. There were no comments or questions.
- B. Mr. Sandoval reported on the RAB Introspection meeting. He said he was disappointed at the attendance. However, he said several issues regarding the operation of the RAB were discussed. A team of individuals, known as the Tiger Team, has worked very hard in the last few weeks resolving those issues, mostly dealing with the RAB charter. The following issues regarding the charter were discussed:
 1. In reference to the Information Repository, Mr. Armando Quintanilla asked what guidelines are used to determine what is placed in the repository. The Air Force was asked to research the guidelines and give a report.
 2. Mr. Sandoval said with all the documents coming in the future, it will be important for the RAB to streamline its procedures for reviewing and commenting on documents.
 3. Mr. Sandoval said RAB members have the responsibility of taking what they learn at RAB meetings back to the community they represent and bringing community concerns to the RAB meetings.
 4. In regards to the frequency of meetings, General Murdock suggested the RAB continue to meet quarterly, also continuing monthly TRS meetings and other meetings deemed necessary. Some discussion ensued among RAB members.
 - a) Mr. Quintanilla said more frequent meetings are necessary to properly keep RAB members informed of what is going on.
 - b) Mr. Rice said more frequent meetings are necessary because the public gets a chance to hear what is going on. There is also a transcript and minutes that better hold people accountable to their commitments.
 5. Mr. Paul Roberson, Greater Kelly Development Corporation representative, moved to continue holding RAB meetings quarterly, with monthly TRS meetings and other special meetings, as deemed necessary by the RAB.
 - a) The motion was amended to require at least two weeks notice for calling special RAB meetings. The motion passed 13-4.
 6. Mr. Carl Mixon, Bexar County Fire Marshall, said he was concerned that RAB members were being required to serve on subcommittees. He said subcommittee service should be voluntary.
 - a) Mr. Roberson said while service should be voluntarily, it is reasonable to expect people to serve.
 - b) Language to that effect was adopted by unanimous vote.
 7. There was a discussion regarding the proper reporting of spills and releases. All agreed all reportable spills should be reported to the RAB in a timely manner. Alan Posnick, TNRCC representative, agreed to review the records from the past year to ensure all spills and releases had been properly reported in a timely manner.
 - a) The RAB unanimously approved a motion to amend the charter proposal to require releases to be reported to the RAB at or before the meeting following the

spill or release.

8. The RAB agreed on the requirements for a quorum. To have a quorum, nine members plus the Air Force co-chair must be present. Six of those members must be community members as defined in the charter.
- C. The charter, with the changes discussed and approved in the meeting, was approved unanimously by the RAB.

A short break was taken.

Item IV: TAPP Application Progress

- A. Mr. Sandoval gave a short presentation on the Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) application process. See attached slides.
- B. Ms. Leslie Brown, Kelly AFB legal office, said the application must be presented and approved by the Base Conversion Agency (BCA), which will determine how much money the RAB will receive (up to \$25,000). Following approval, the RAB must submit separate applications for each tasking. Contracts will be issued from BCA's contracting office for each task.
- C. Mr. Rice said a conflict of interest clause was added to the primary application.
- D. The RAB community members unanimously approved the TAPP application with the BCA's changes and the conflict of interest statement. A further motion delegated responsibility for deciding what projects will require assistance to the TRS and gave the TRS authority to submit the requests directly to General Childress. This motion also passed unanimously.

Item VI: Restoration Update

- A. Mr. William Ryan, Kelly AFB Environmental Management, gave a progress report on the cleanup program. See attached slides.
- B. Mr. Quintanilla said he was concerned that water at Zone 3 is being discharged into Leon Creek. He said the water is being wasted and should be reinjected into the aquifer or the Air Force should find another way to reuse the water.
 1. Mr. Bailey responded by saying that experts examined various technologies. The experts determined that reinjection is not the best solution for a variety of technical reasons. He said the regulators agreed with the decision. Mr. Bailey said if there was any new information about this issue, it should be presented to the regulators and to the Air Force so they can reevaluate the decision. None was offered.
- C. Mr. Rice suggested the issue of water reuse be discussed in detail in the TRS.
- D. The Air Force declined to answer several questions asked by Mr. Quintanilla regarding Zone 3 due to the litigation Mr. Quintanilla is pursuing against the Air Force.
- E. In regards to Zone 4, Mr. Ryan said they have new data on the groundwater plume that extends east of the base. Once the samples are validated, a new map will be produced and distributed to the RAB.

Item VII: 8 April 98 RAB Issues - Responses/Answers

- A. Mr. Rice said the library does not contain all environmental information regarding Kelly.
 1. Mr. Bailey said only information regarding the cleanup is required to be in the library. All required information is in the library.
- B. Mr. Rice said Kelly did not report to regulators a finding of 5.5 parts per billion (ppb) of PCE in an Edwards Aquifer well in December 1989.

1. Maj. Gargiulo, Kelly AFB Bioenvironmental Engineering said the detection above the MCL of 5 ppb occurred only once. The water samples were collected by the state. Water from that well was combined with water from other wells in the distribution system. Since the distribution system as a whole never exceeded the MCL, there was no requirement to report anything to the regulators. Furthermore, the residents and workers of Kelly AFB were never in any danger. In addition, according to Safe Drinking Water Act regulation, a confirmation sample taken about one month later found no PCE in the water. He said there were other detections below the MCL in 1984. He was asked to provide a summary on the water from the contaminated well to the RAB.
2. It was pointed out by Mr. Jacobi the state has been delegated EPA enforcement authority. Reporting to the state was same as reporting to the EPA.
- C. General Murdock said that, when possible, future action item information will be provided to the proper people prior to the next RAB meeting.

Item VIII: New Business

- A. ATSDR will release its draft report in the week of Sept. 21 for comment.
 1. Mr. Quintanilla asked if this is the “brown report.” No one knew. He said he would call ATSDR and see if this report is the “brown report.” He said it is important the RAB comment on this report.
 - a) Mr. Bailey said ATSDR will hold a public meeting to discuss the findings of the report with people.
- B. Kelly AFB will issue a paper explaining the difference between RCRA and CERCLA rules regarding public participation. Mr. Bailey said they will create a map showing which sites will be cleaned up under CERCLA and which will be done under RCRA.
 1. Mr. Sandoval asked the TNRCC to give a presentation on how public participation under RCRA works.
- C. Mr. Quintanilla asked the base to provide a list of sites where the use of institutional controls is being considered.
- D. Mr. Sandoval asked Kelly and TNRCC to begin providing information on DoD’s policy regarding natural attenuation and how it is used as a remedial option.
- E. Mr. Sandoval asked the Air Force to determine if a facilitator can be purchased using TAPP funds.
- F. Mr. Quintanilla suggested someone from the RAB should attend a conference on natural attenuation being held in San Francisco.
 1. John Jacobi, Texas Department of Health, if someone travels at RAB expense, the RAB should approve who goes. Mary Kelly, Kelly AFB Legal Office, said the RAB charter prohibits travel for personal training, but the TAPP may be able to pay for training expenses.
 2. David Neleigh, EPA Region VI, said EPA is hosting conference on natural attenuation in Dallas November 2 and 3. He also has natural attenuation experts that could answer any questions or give a presentation, if requested.
- G. A request was made to get copies of BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) minutes. Those minutes will be available for the next TRS meeting. A request was also made to have Mr. Sandoval to be able to attend BCT meetings as an observer. Mr. Bailey said he would consider the request.
- H. Mr. Larry Hoffmann will be resigning his position on the RAB. His organization will nominate a replacement. His resignation will also leave a vacancy on the TRS.
 1. Mr. Sandoval invited the water company representatives (Mr. Nick Rodriguez, Bexar

- Metropolitan Water District and Mr. Ed Weinstein, San Antonio Water Systems) to join the TRS. They agreed to join.
- I. Two vacancies still remain on the RAB. Ms. Tanya Huerta is interested in becoming a member.
 - J. Mrs. Yolanda Johnson asked that when the fuel storage tanks on the north side of the base are dismantled, will the Air Force continue to monitor. She is concerned that paint from the tanks will blow onto their property.
 - 1. Mr. Quintanilla asked the Air Force to check if the paint on the tank was lead-based.

Item IX: Community Comments

Ms. Huerta said the Air Force is confusing the community with technical terms and acronyms. She suggested more informational meetings. Mr. Sandoval suggested the base produce a booklet explaining technical terms in lay language.

Item X: Next RAB Meeting

- A. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday October 27, 1998, at 6 p.m. at Dwight Middle School. (Pending School Approval)
- B. Agenda/ Action Items
 - 1. Agenda Items: Mr. Rice said he would like to make a presentation at the next meeting on the contamination in the Edwards Wells. He invited the Air Force to make a presentation, as well.
 - 2. General Murdock suggested a presentation on the progress of the cleanup systems and their effectiveness for the next meeting.
 - 3. GKDC present insight on the redevelopment plans and how they affect the Kelly area.
 - 4. A poster board station-style presentation of Mr. Ryan's IRP update.
 - 5. Mr. Sandoval expressed interest in hosting a RAB caucus with other RABs in South Texas.
- C. Action Items/ Action Officer
 - 1. Repositories. What is the structure and what is the content? BGen. Murdock
 - 2. TNRCC review records for reportable spill at Kelly AFB for a reasonable period. Mr. Posnick
 - 3. Provide better zonal maps. BGen. Murdock
 - 4. Provide at every meeting a standard acronym list for the public. BGen. Murdock
 - 5. Provide a list of Project Managers by project. BGen. Murdock
 - 6. Discuss the reuse and reinjection of treated groundwater. BGen. Murdock
 - 7. Provide a summary paper regarding the contamination of the Edwards well on Kelly AFB. BGen. Murdock
 - 8. Contact ATSDR to request the RAB be allowed to comment on the upcoming health assessment. Mr. Quintanilla
 - 9. Contact ATSDR and request information how they will conduct Public outreach for the upcoming public health assessment. BGen. Murdock
 - 10. Provide RAB with a summary of public involvement opportunity under RCRA and CERCLA. BGen. Murdock
 - 11. TNRCC to provide a presentation on Item 10. Mr. Posnick
 - 12. TNRCC to provide a presentation on the Texas Risk Reduction Program. Mr. Posnick
 - 13. Kelly AFB provide information or their Position regarding natural attenuation. BGen. Murdock

14. Get copies of natural attenuation materials from upcoming EPA workshop for the RAB. EPA
15. Provide a copy of the BCT meeting minutes. BGen. Murdock
16. Find out if Mr. Sandoval can attend BCT meetings as an observer. BGen Murdock
17. Consider and vote at the next meeting on adding two water system RAB members to the TRS. Mr. Sandoval
18. Provide details on the removal of the tank farm (1592 area) to include whether lead paint is involved, monitoring and what will take place.
19. The Air Force was requested to determine if TAPP funds could be used to hire a facilitator. BGen. Murdock

D. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Motions/Resolutions

A. Motions

1. Motion was made to approve the April 7, 1998 minutes.
 - a) Approved by a show of hands.
2. Motion was made to modify the draft charter (3.4.5) to reflect quarterly meetings with special meetings called with at least two-week notice.
 - a) Approved 13-4
3. Motion was made to change the draft charter language (3.3) to say “will, comma, “to the extent possible, “ comma, “undertake the following responsibilities.
 - a) Approved 17 – 0
4. Motion was made to change the draft charter on reporting reportable spills (3.4.16) striking the last sentence and changing the new last sentence to “that a summary of remedial actions taken or planned would be made available to the Board members at or before the Board meeting following the release or incident,”
 - a) Approved unanimously
5. Motion to accept the Draft Charter, amended, as the charter was made.
 - a) Approved unanimously
6. Motion to approve adding conflict of interest language to the TAPP application was made.
 - a) Approved unanimously by RAB community members
7. Motion to approve the amended TAPP application was made.
 - a) Approved unanimously by RAB community members
8. Motion was made to delegate responsibility of deciding what projects will require assistance to the TRS.
 - a) Approved unanimously by RAB community members

Attachments (Provided at the meeting to all RAB members.)

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Biography: General Murdock
3. RAB Member Attendance Record
4. RAB Member List
5. TRS Action Item List
6. TRS Action Items for Kelly AFB
7. TRS/Charter Slides (D. Sandoval)
8. TRS Meeting Minutes
9. Draft RAB Charter

10. Charter Appendix A
11. Charter Appendix B
12. TAPP Application
13. Kelly Cleanup Program List of Documents
14. Kelly AFB Zone Location Map
15. Restoration Program Update Slides (W. Ryan)
16. Quintana Road Modeling Slides
17. April 7 RAB Issues and Answers
18. North Kelly Garden Handout